

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 443) to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in United States versus Roberto Martin.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony, documents, and representation in a criminal action pending in Florida Federal District Court. In this action, the defendant is charged with impersonating an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, conspiracy to impersonate a CIA agent, possession of a firearm after a felony conviction, and mail fraud. The indictment alleges that the defendant unjustly enriched himself by obtaining money from third parties upon the false representation that he was working with the CIA on a secret operation to obtain funds allegedly stolen from Cuban leader Fidel Castro. According to the prosecution, in furtherance of the alleged fraud, the defendant or his co-conspirators provided to third parties a fictitious letter purportedly signed by Senator GRAHAM.

The defendant's trial is scheduled to commence on or about November 1, 2004. The prosecution has requested testimony and the production of documents from a member of the Senator's staff who has evidence relevant to the charged offenses. Senator GRAHAM wishes to cooperate with the prosecution's request. Accordingly, the enclosed resolution authorizes that staff member, and any other employees of Senator GRAHAM's office from whom evidence may be required, to testify and produce documents in this action. The enclosed resolution also authorizes representation by the Senate legal counsel of Senator GRAHAM's staff in this action.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 443) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 443

Whereas, in the case of United States v. Roberto Martin, Crim. No. 04-CR-20075, pending in federal district court in the Southern District of Florida, testimony and documents have been requested from an employee in the office of Senator Bob Graham;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative proc-

ess, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That employees of Senator Graham's office from whom testimony or the production of documents may be required are authorized to testify and produce documents in the case of United States v. Roberto Martin, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Graham's staff in the action referenced in section one of this resolution.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2852, H.R. 1084, AND H.R. 1787

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk and due for a second reading. I ask unanimous consent that the clerk read the titles of the bills for a second time, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will read the bills by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2852) to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1084) to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations.

A bill (H.R. 1787) to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

Mr. SESSIONS. I would object to any further consideration, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2866

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2866) to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation to enter into memorandums of understanding with a State regarding the collection of approved State commodity assessments on behalf of the State from the proceeds of marketing assistance loans.

Mr. SESSIONS. I now ask for its second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, object to further proceedings on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

TAX TREATMENT OF BONDS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 655, H.R. 982.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 982) to clarify the tax treatment of bonds and other obligations issued by the Government of American Samoa.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 982) was read the third time and passed.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACT

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 693, S. 2639, the Congressional Award Act Reauthorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2639) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent the Craig amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3784) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To clarify acceptance of Federal funds and resources)

After section 1, insert the following:

SEC. 2. FEDERAL FUNDS AND RESOURCES.

(a) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS; CLARIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND RESOURCES.—Section 106 of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 806) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "from sources other than the Federal Government";

(2) in the heading of subsection (e), by striking "NON-FEDERAL FUNDS AND RESOURCES; INDIRECT RESOURCES" and inserting "FUNDS AND RESOURCES";

(3) in subsection (e)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), the" and inserting "The"; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) The Board—

"(A) may benefit from in-kind and indirect resources provided by Offices of Members of Congress;

"(B) is not prohibited from receiving benefits from efforts or activities undertaken in